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Short explanation of rule/amendment/repeal and reason(s) for proposing rule/amendment/repeal: Title 24; Part 3 – Mississippi Department of Mental Health (DMH) Division of Professional Licensure and Certification (PLACE) Professional Credentialing Rules and Requirements; this document promulgates rules and requirements for individuals seeking a DMH professional credential through the DMH Division of PLACE. This document is a combined form of the existing Title 24 Parts 3, 4, 6, 7 and 8; the primary reasons for the proposed new and amended document are: 1) to combine all rules and requirements for DMH credentialing programs administered through PLACE into one consolidated document; 2) to combine the DMH Addictions Therapist and the DMH Mental Health Therapist programs into a DMH Behavioral Health Therapist program; and, 3) to update the DMH Principles of Ethical and Professional Conduct; included is an SOS APA Form 001 Attachment which outlines the changes/updates that have been made to each existing part (3,4,6,7 and 8), outlined by chapter.

Specific legal authority authorizing the promulgation of rule: Section 41-4-7 of the Mississippi Code, 1972, Annotated

List all rules repealed, amended, or suspended by the proposed rule: existing Title 24 Parts 3, 4, 6, 7 and 8 (new and amendment filing)

ORAL PROCEEDING:

☐ An oral proceeding is scheduled for this rule on Date: _____ Time: _____ Place: _____

☒ Presently, an oral proceeding is not scheduled on this rule.

If an oral proceeding is not scheduled, an oral proceeding must be held if a written request for an oral proceeding is submitted by a political subdivision, an agency or ten (10) or more persons. The written request should be submitted to the agency contact person at the above address within twenty (20) days after the filing of this notice of proposed rule adoption and should include the name, address, email address, and telephone number of the person(s) making the request; and, if you are an agent or attorney, the name, address, email address, and telephone number of the party or parties you represent. At any time within the twenty-five (25) day public comment period, written submissions including arguments, data, and views on the proposed rule/amendment/repeal may be submitted to the filing agency.

ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT:

☒ Economic impact statement not required for this rule. ☐ Concise summary of economic impact statement attached.

TEMPORARY RULES	PROPOSED ACTION ON RULES	FINAL ACTION ON RULES
_____ Original filing _____ Renewal of effectiveness To be in effect in _____ days Effective date: _____ Immediately upon filing _____ Other (specify): _____	Action proposed: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> New rule(s) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amendment to existing rule(s) _____ Repeal of existing rule(s) _____ Adoption by reference Proposed final effective date: _____ 30 days after filing <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (specify): <u>10/1/2016</u>	Date Proposed Rule Filed: _____ Action taken: _____ Adopted with no changes in text _____ Adopted with changes _____ Adopted by reference _____ Withdrawn _____ Repeal adopted as proposed Effective date: _____ 30 days after filing _____ Other (specify): _____

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Mississippi Department of Mental Health (DMH)
Division of Professional Licensure and Certification (PLACE)

Listed below is a summary of substantive revisions/updates included in the proposed *Title 24 Part 3 Mississippi Department of Mental Health (DMH) Division of Professional Licensure and Certification (PLACE) Professional Credentialing Rules and Requirements* document, arranged by chapter.

Summary of Proposed Substantive Revisions/Updates by Chapter

Credentialing Document Name Change	1) Combine the rules and requirements of all Mississippi Department of Mental Health (DMH) professional credentialing programs administered through the DMH Division of Professional Licensure and Certification (PLACE) into one comprehensive document entitled, "Mississippi Department of Mental Health (DMH) Division of Professional Licensure and Certification (PLACE) Professional Credentialing Rules and Requirements"
General/ Throughout Document	1) Place all DMH professional credentialing programs administered through the DMH Division of PLACE into one comprehensive, consolidated Rules and Requirements document 2) Combine the DMH Mental Health Therapist and the DMH Addictions Therapist professional credentialing programs into one new "DMH Behavioral Health Therapist" credentialing program 3) Update the <i>DMH Principles of Ethical and Professional Conduct</i> 4) Use of "behavioral health" in place of "mental health" throughout the document
Chapter One (General Information)	1) Rule 1.4 – Four (rather than five) professional credentialing programs administered through DMH PLACE: a) DMH Behavioral Health Therapist (PCBHT, CBHT, LCBHT); b) DMH Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities Therapist (PCIDDT, CIDDT, LCIDDT); c) DMH Community Support Specialist (PCCSS, CCSS, CCSS-II); and, d) DMH Licensed Administrator (LA) 2) Rule 1.4A – Reference to combining the DMH Mental Health Therapist and the DMH Addictions Therapist professional credentialing programs into one new "DMH Behavioral Health Therapist" credentialing program 3) Rules 1.5A2c/1.5B2c – In the DMH Behavioral Health Therapist and the DMH Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities Therapist professional credentialing programs, applicants who initially meet the requirements for full certification may apply directly for this level of credential, thereby skipping provisional certification. 4) Rule 1.5D1b - The DMH Licensed Administrator Independent Study and Training (IST) Component must be complete <u>within 24 consecutive months from the date of admission</u> as a "Program Participant." (<i>The current Licensed DMH Administrator Rules and Regulations document indicates that there is no deadline by which the IST component must be completed.</i>) 5) Rule 1.6 - The abbreviation "DMH" will appear in front of all credential titles, i.e., "DMH Behavioral Health Therapist." 6) Rule 1.6A – New DMH Behavioral Health Therapist credential titles 7) Rule 1.6D- New DMH Licensed Administrator title
Chapter Two (Organization)	1) No proposed substantive changes
Chapter Three (DMH Behavioral Health Therapist Certification Requirements)	1) Rule 3.3A2 – In the DMH Behavioral Health Therapist credentialing program, applicants who initially meet the requirements for full certification may apply directly for this level of credential, thereby skipping provisional certification. 2) Rule 3.4B1 – <u>Education Requirement</u> : the relevant graduate degree must be in a "behavioral health-related" field (language updated from "mental health," "addictions" or "human services"- related field) 3) Rule 3.4B2 – <u>Education Requirement</u> : new DMH Behavioral Health Therapist example degree type list (not an exhaustive list): Counseling/Guidance, Psychology, Psychometry, Social Work, Marriage and Family Therapy, Rehabilitative Services/Vocational Rehabilitation, Psychiatric Nursing, Sociology with an emphasis in behavioral health, Behavioral Science, Family and Consumer Studies, Child and Family Studies, Expressive Therapy, Pastoral Ministries with an emphasis in behavioral health; and, other behavioral health-related degree types, as determined by

DMH and/or the PLACE Review Board

- 4) Rule 3.4B3 – Education Requirement: A graduate-level degree (master's level or above) in Criminal Justice without a behavioral health emphasis may be accepted to fulfill the education requirement for the DMH Behavioral Health Therapist program. However, the scope of practice for individuals credentialed with this specific degree type (Criminal Justice without a behavioral health emphasis) will be limited to the provision of therapeutic services as a component of an Adolescent Opportunity Program (AOP) within the "state mental health system," as defined in this document. If the submitted Criminal Justice degree has sufficient behavioral health-related course work (as determined by DMH and/or the PLACE Review Board), this limitation in scope will not apply.
- 5) Rule 3.4C3 - Experience Requirement: Removal of stipulation that experience has to be accrued in the State of Mississippi
- 6) Rule 3.4C3 - Experience Requirement: The credible work experience must be in the field of "behavioral health." Creditable work experience may include, but is not limited to, the provision or supervision of behavioral health services to individuals with serious emotional disturbance and/or serious mental illness, individuals with alcohol and/or other drug use problems/addictions, individuals with mental health/alcohol and/or other drug use co-occurring disorders, individuals with Alzheimer's disease and other forms of dementia, and/or their family members.
- 7) Rule 3.4C3/4/9 – Experience Requirement: Addition of language that further emphasizes that the required type of experience must be full-time equivalency
- 8) Rule 3.4C12 - Experience Requirement/Supervisor qualification: A "Qualified Supervisor" must provide "active supervision" over the submitted work experience.
- 9) Rule 3.4D2/3/4 - Examination Requirement: Successful completion of (i.e., passing) the *DMH Behavioral Health Therapist Examination* is the Examination Requirement which must be met in order to obtain the DMH Certified Behavioral Health Therapist (CBHT) credential. The *DMH Behavioral Health Therapist Examination* is a comprehensive, standardized examination, the content of which is based on a customized collection of e-learning courses (i.e., web-based training component) specific to the DMH Behavioral Health Therapist program; information on/parameters regarding completion of the customized collection of e-learning courses (i.e., web-based training component) in preparation for the *DMH Behavioral Health Therapist Examination* are outlined.
- 10) Rule 3.4D5 - Examination Requirement: Notice that the *DMH Behavioral Health Therapist Examination* is subject to periodic update; notice that the study materials/notes for the *DMH Behavioral Health Therapist Examination* are derived from the study materials/notes for each individual course in the aforementioned customized collection of e-learning courses (i.e., web-based training component), as applicable and that individuals taking the customized collection of e-learning courses are responsible for obtaining these study materials/notes; notice that, for the purpose of completing the Examination Requirement in order to obtain full certification as a CBHT, only the comprehensive *DMH Behavioral Health Therapist Examination* (and not each individual course examination in the customized collection of e-learning courses) must be successfully completed
- 11) Rule 3.4D5 - Examination Requirement: Inclusion of a provision allowing qualified individuals to register for and take the *DMH Behavioral Health Therapist Examination* in anticipation of applying directly for CBHT (thereby skipping provisional certification); parameters governing this provision are outlined
- 12) Rule 3.4D12 – Examination Requirement: Stipulation that due to inclement weather, emergency or other unforeseen circumstances, DMH reserves the right to cancel a scheduled examination if necessary
- 13) Rule 3.4D13/14/16 – Examination Requirement: Inclusion of provision that individuals needing to reschedule an examination registration must notify DMH as soon as possible prior to the examination administration; notice that failure to attend an examination for which an individual is registered without prior notice to DMH will result in forfeiture of the examination opportunity; notification that examination registrations are accepted on a "first come, first served" basis
- 14) Rule 3.4D23 – Examination Requirement: Notice that completion of the web-based training component and/or corresponding *DMH Behavioral Health Therapist Examination* in a fraudulent manner will be subject to disciplinary action and/or rejection of application for DMH professional credentialing

**Chapter Four
(DMH Intellectual
and
Developmental
Disabilities (IDD)
Therapist
Certification
Requirements)**

- 1) Rule 4.3A2 – In the DMH IDD Therapist credentialing program, applicants who initially meet the requirements for full certification may apply directly for this level of credential, thereby skipping provisional certification.
- 2) Rule 4.4B2 – Education Requirement: new DMH IDD Therapist example degree type list (not an exhaustive list): Counseling/Guidance, Psychology, Psychometry, Social Work, Marriage and Family Therapy, Rehabilitative Services/Vocational Rehabilitation, Special Education, Nursing, Speech/Language Therapy/Pathology, Audiology, Education, Therapeutic Recreation/Leisure, Applied Behavior Analysis, Expressive Therapy, and other intellectual/developmental disabilities-related degree types, as determined by DMH and/or the PLACE Review Board
- 3) Rule 4.4C3 - Experience Requirement: Removal of stipulation that experience has to be accrued in the State of Mississippi
- 4) Rule 4.4C3/4/8 – Experience Requirement: Addition of language that further emphasizes that the required type of experience must be full-time equivalency
- 5) Rule 4.4C5 - Experience Requirement: Graduate-level internships may only count for up to six months of required work experience (change from one year)
- 6) Rule 4.4C11 - Experience Requirement/Supervisor qualification: A "Qualified Supervisor" must provide "active supervision" over the submitted work experience.
- 7) Rule 4.4D2/3/4 - Examination Requirement: Successful completion of (i.e., passing) the *DMH Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities Therapist Examination* is the Examination Requirement which must be met in order to obtain the DMH Certified Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities Therapist (CIDDT) credential. The *DMH Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities Therapist Examination* is a comprehensive, standardized examination, the content of which is based on a customized collection of e-learning courses (i.e., web-based training component) specific to the DMH Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities Therapist program; information on/parameters regarding completion of the customized collection of e-learning courses (i.e., web-based training component) in preparation for the *DMH Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities Therapist Examination* are outlined.
- 8) Rule 4.4D5 - Examination Requirement: Notice that the *DMH Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities Therapist Examination* is subject to periodic update; notice that the study materials/notes for the *DMH Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities Therapist Examination* are derived from the study materials/notes for each individual course in the aforementioned customized collection of e-learning courses (i.e., web-based training component), as applicable and that individuals taking the customized collection of e-learning courses are responsible for obtaining these study materials/notes; notice that, for the purpose of completing the Examination Requirement in order to obtain full certification as a CIDDT, only the comprehensive *DMH Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities Therapist Examination* (and not each individual course examination in the customized collection of e-learning courses) must be successfully completed
- 9) Rule 4.4D5 - Examination Requirement: Inclusion of a provision allowing qualified individuals to register for and take the *DMH Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities Therapist Examination* in anticipation of applying directly for CIDDT (thereby skipping provisional certification); parameters governing this provision are outlined
- 10) Rule 4.4D12 – Examination Requirement: Stipulation that due to inclement weather, emergency or other unforeseen circumstances, DMH reserves the right to cancel a scheduled examination if necessary
- 11) Rule 4.4D13/14/16 – Examination Requirement: Inclusion of provision that individuals needing to reschedule an examination registration must notify DMH as soon as possible prior to the examination administration; notice that failure to attend an examination for which an individual is registered without prior notice to DMH will result in forfeiture of the examination opportunity; notification that examination registrations are accepted on a "first come, first served" basis
- 12) Rule 4.4D23 – Examination Requirement: Notice that completion of the web-based training component and/or corresponding *DMH Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities Therapist Examination* in a fraudulent manner will be subject to disciplinary action and/or rejection of application for DMH professional credentialing

**Chapter Five
(DMH Community
Support Specialist
Certification)**

- 1) Rule 5.4A2 – Employment Requirement: Inclusion of IDD targeted case management services and wraparound facilitation services (in addition to community support and ID/DD waiver support coordination) to initial applicant employment eligibility
- 2) Rule 5.4C3 – Experience Requirement: Inclusion of IDD targeted case management services and wraparound facilitation services (in addition to community support and

Requirements)	<p>ID/DD waiver support coordination) to fulfill experience requirement</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3) Rule 5.4C3/4/6 – <u>Experience Requirement</u>: Addition of language that further emphasizes that the required type of experience must be full-time equivalency 4) Rule 5.4C8a/b – <u>Experience Requirement</u>: Designated directors/supervisors of IDD Targeted Case Management/Wraparound Facilitation services added to list of qualified supervisors; respective program Executive Director added to list of qualified supervisors 5) Rule 5.4C8 – <u>Experience Requirement/Supervisor qualification</u>: A “Qualified Supervisor” must provide “active supervision” over the submitted work experience. 6) Rule 5.4D – <u>Exam/Training Requirement</u>: - Eliminate obsolete “Case Management Orientation” as an Exam/Training fulfillment option 7) Rule 5.4D – <u>Exam/Training Requirement</u>: Clarification that exams are standardized
Chapter Six (DMH Licensed Administrator Requirements)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Rule 6.2C - The DMH Licensed Administrator Independent Study and Training (IST) Component must be complete within 24 consecutive months from the date of admission as a “Program Participant.” (The current Licensed DMH Administrator Rules and Regulations document indicates that there is no deadline by which the IST component must be completed.) 2) Rule 6.4B1 - <u>Education Requirement</u>: Indication that the applicant must have a graduate-level degree from an approved educational institution; specific degree types not listed due to disparate nature of existing degree-type list examples (i.e., mental health, intellectual and developmental disabilities, alcohol and substance use, business administration, accounting, public policy and administration) 3) Rule 6.4C1 - <u>Experience Requirement</u>: Use of “behavioral health” in place of “mental health” in description of type of required work experience 4) Rule 6.4C1/3/5 – <u>Experience Requirement</u>: Addition of language that further emphasizes that the required type of experience must be full-time equivalency 5) Rule 6.4C8 - <u>Experience Requirement/Supervisor qualification</u>: a) Program Executive Director; b) Licensed Administrator; and, c) chair of a governing board or commission of a “state mental health system” program or agency; a “Qualified Supervisor” must provide “active supervision” over the submitted work experience. 6) Rule 6.4E3a - <u>Independent Study and Training (IST) Requirement</u>: If choosing IST Option Two, LA Program Participant selects three of four available LA written exams; (currently five exams are available, but one set of examination standards has been eliminated) 7) Rule 6.4E4 – <u>Independent Study and Training (IST) Requirement</u>: Requirement that the program of Independent Study and Training (IST) must be completed within 24 months of admission into the Licensed DMH Administrator program as a “Program Participant” 8) Rule 6.4E5 – <u>Independent Study and Training (IST) Requirement</u>: Addition of provision that Licensed Administrator Program Participants who need more time to complete the IST requirement may request up to one six-month extension on their “Program Participant” phase
Chapters Seven – Ten (Application Procedures)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Indication throughout these chapters that application fee payment should be submitted in the manner prescribed by the Mississippi Department of Mental Health 2) Rule 10.2A - <u>Licensed Administrator Application Packet</u>: Requirement that a DMH Licensed Administrator Program Participant must submit an application for “DMH Licensed Administrator” upon completing the Independent Study and Training (IST) Requirement (automatic awarding of licensure upon IST completion eliminated)
Chapter Eleven (Application Submission Requirements)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Rule 11.2H - Upgrade application deficiencies must be resolved <u>within 30 calendar days</u> from the upgrade deadline (currently 45 calendar days) 2) Rule 11.2I – Establishment of deadline by which DMH Licensed Administrator Program Participant applications for licensure are due 3) Rule 11.5A – Addition of clause highlighting that only relevant experience will be accepted for upgrade to full certification and that approval of provisional certification does not guarantee approval for upgrade to full certification 4) Rule 11.5F – Inclusion of IDD Targeted Case Management and Wraparound Facilitator Supervisors to list of individuals designated to verify DMH Community Support Specialist experience 5) Rule 11.5G - <u>Experience Requirement</u>: Addition of language that further emphasizes that the required type of experience must be full-time equivalency

Chapter Twelve (Certification/ Licensure Phases)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Rule 12.3B6 – Date of Issuance policy extended to date of transfer into new position (i.e., bachelor's level position to master's level position) 2) Rule 12.3C6 – Specification that the certificate of DMH Behavioral Health Therapists credentialed with the specific degree type of Criminal Justice (without a mental health/behavioral health emphasis) reflects the limited scope of practice of "Adolescent Opportunity Program" 3) Rule 12.4B – Exclusion of Licensed DMH Administrator "Program Participant" default status from administrative appeal process; inclusion of "Program Participant" application decision under administrative appeal purview 4) Rule 12.4B – Changed the Administrative Appeals process to correlate with the appeals process outlined in the "DMH Operational Standards"
Chapter Thirteen (Certification/ Licensure Timelines)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Rule 13.1N – Upgrade application deficiencies must be resolved <u>within 30 calendar days</u> from the upgrade deadline (currently 45 calendar days) 2) Rule 13.2C – Notation that all DMH professional credentialing programs administered through DMH PLACE are on a two-year renewal cycle
Chapter Fourteen (Renewal)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Rule 14.1C – Each DMH professional credentialing program administered through DMH PLACE is on a two-year renewal cycle. 2) Rule 14.4A/B – CCSS/CCSS-II renewal cycle changed from four-year cycle to two-year cycle 3) Rule 14.5A – LA renewal deadline month moved from December to June 4) Rule 14.7E through I and Q/S – <u>Additions to the DMH Behavioral Health Therapist Continuing Education (CE) Renewal Requirements:</u> a) at least 26 of the 30 required Continuing Education Hours must be behavioral health-related; individuals may count up to four (4) of the 30 CE hours in non-behavioral health-related areas, which they or their programs deem important or necessary for continued professional enhancement; b) up to 6 of the required 30 hours may be obtained by presenting applicable (behavioral health-related) training events; c) at least two (2) of the required CE hours must be in the area of cultural competency; d) at least two (2) of the required CE hours must be in the area of ethics; e) at least half of the required CE hours (15 hours) must be accrued through participation in live, face-to-face continuing education activities; thus, no more than half of the required CE hours may be earned through online or distance learning continuing education (CE) activities (applicable behavioral health-related online college courses from an approved educational institution taken during the appropriate certification time period are exempt from this provision); f) relevant training which is completed on an annual basis may only be counted once during the two-year renewal cycle period; and, g) any activity completed for the purpose of achieving the DMH Behavioral Health Therapist certification (such as the web-based training component for upgrade from PCBHT to CBHT) is not eligible for CE credit 5) Rule 14.8E through I and Q/S – <u>Additions to the DMH IDD Therapist Continuing Education (CE) Renewal Requirements:</u> a) at least 26 of the 30 required hours must be intellectual disabilities/developmental disabilities (ID/DD)-related; individuals may count up to four (4) of the 30 CE hours in non-ID/DD-related areas, which they or their programs deem important or necessary for continued professional enhancement; b) up to 6 of the required 30 hours may be obtained by presenting applicable (ID/DD-related) training events; c) at least two (2) of the required CE hours must be in the area of cultural competency; d) at least two (2) of the required CE hours must be in the area of ethics; e) at least half of the required CE hours (15 hours) must be accrued through participation in live, face-to-face continuing education activities; thus, no more than half of the required CE hours may be earned through online or distance learning continuing education (CE) activities (applicable intellectual disabilities/developmental disabilities-related online college courses from an approved educational institution taken during the appropriate certification time period are exempt from this provision); f) relevant training which is completed on an annual basis may only be counted once during the two-year renewal cycle period; and, g) any activity completed for the purpose of achieving the Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities Therapist certification (such as the web-based training component for upgrade from PCIDDT to CIDDT) is not eligible for CE credit 6) Rule 14.9 A/E/F/I – <u>Changes to the DMH Community Support Specialist Continuing Education (CE) Renewal Requirement:</u> a) change in the required number of CCSS/CCSS-II CE hours to 12 per year; b) notation that at least 20 of the 24 required hours must be behavioral health and/or intellectual disabilities/developmental

	<p>disabilities (ID/DD)-related (individuals may count up to four (4) of the 24 CE hours in non-behavioral health/ID/DD-related areas, such as technology or administrative types of training or non-behavioral health/ID/DD-related annual training, which they or their programs deem important or necessary for continued professional enhancement; c) notation that up to 5 of the required 24 hours may be obtained by presenting applicable (behavioral health/ID/DD-related) training events; and, d) provision that applicable behavioral health/ID/DD-related online college courses are exempt from stipulation that only half of the required CEs may be obtained through distance learning</p> <p>7) Rule 14.10E through H and P/R – <u>DMH Licensed Administrator Continuing Education (CE) Renewal Requirement</u>: a) up to 8 of the required 40 hours may be obtained by presenting applicable (management/behavioral health/ID/DD-related) training events; b) at least two (2) of the required CE hours must be in the area of cultural competency; c) at least two (2) of the required CE hours must be in the area of ethics; d) at least half of the required CE hours (20 hours) must be accrued through participation in live, face-to-face continuing education activities; thus, no more than half of the required CE hours may be earned through online or distance learning continuing education (CE) activities (applicable management/behavioral health/intellectual and developmental disabilities-related online college courses from an approved educational institution taken during the appropriate licensure time period are exempt from this provision); e) relevant training which is completed on an annual basis may only be counted once during the two-year renewal cycle period; and, f) any activity completed for the purpose of achieving the DMH Licensed Administrator credential is not eligible for CE credit</p>
Chapter Fifteen (Fees)	<p>1) Rule 15.1E/F – Addition of DMH Behavioral Health Therapist Program and DMH Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities Therapist Program Web-based Training Component Fee provisions</p> <p>2) Rule 15.1Q – DMH Licensed Administrator Renewal Fee proposed increase from \$50.00 to \$60.00 to correct an apparent typographical error in the current Licensed DMH Administrator Rules/Regulations document</p> <p>3) Rule 15.1U – Addition of "Email Addresses" to the "Mailing Label" request/fee rules</p>
Chapter Sixteen (Professional Responsibilities)	<p>1) Rule 16.1B and 16.2B – <u>Scope of Practice</u>: Addition of clarification that only fully-certified/licensed Behavioral Health Therapists are able to supervise behavioral health service provision and that only fully-certified/licensed IDD Therapists are able to supervise intellectual/developmental disabilities service provision</p> <p>2) Rule 16.1C and 16.2C – Scope of practice for DMH Behavioral Health Therapists and DMH IDD Therapists expanded to include provision/supervision of "community support services" and "ID/DD waiver support coordination services" (specific to population served)</p> <p>3) Rule 16.1E - Clarification that scope of practice for DMH Behavioral Health Therapists who are certified with the specific degree type of "Criminal Justice without a behavioral health emphasis" will have a scope of practice limited to the provision of therapeutic services as a component of an Adolescent Opportunity Program</p> <p>4) Rule 16.3 B/C - Expand DMH Community Support Specialist scope of practice to include provision of ID/DD targeted case management and wraparound facilitation services</p> <p>5) Rule 16.4C – Further clarification of DMH Licensed Administrator scope of practice</p> <p>6) Rule 16.6B/D/E/H – Once DMH PLACE receives written/email notification of separation from employment from the "state mental health system," the individual has a period of up to <u>30 calendar days</u> from the date of employment separation notification to pursue credentialing options prior to lapse/default; <i>(some current rules and regulations allow 14 working days and some allow up to 45 calendar days)</i>.</p> <p>7) Rule 16.9B – Addition of "Extended Status" option for DMH Licensed Administrator "Program Participants"; elimination of "Inactive Status" and "Probationary Status" options for DMH Licensed Administrator "Program Participants"</p> <p>8) Rule 16.9C5 – Addition of provision that DMH Licensed Administrator "Program Participants" who default from the program twice may not be allowed to reapply a third time</p> <p>9) Rule 16.10D3 – Clarification of "Retired" status and "good standing" at time of retirement for supervisor qualification purposes</p> <p>10) Rule 16.11A – Extend "Certification/Licensure" Reinstatement option to all DMH professional credentialing programs administered through PLACE</p>

	<p>11) Rule 16.12F – Addition of provision permitting DMH-credentialed roster list requests to include email addresses</p> <p>12) Rule 16.13A4 – <i>DMH Principles of Ethical and Professional Conduct</i>: clarification that certain parts may be superseded by federal/state law/other policies and rules</p> <p>13) Rule 16.13A5/6 – Inclusion of "<i>DMH Operational Standards</i>" as applicable and inclusion of linkage language with corresponding "<i>Grounds for Disciplinary Action</i>"</p> <p>14) Rule 16.13A6 – Addition of disclaimer that <i>DMH Principles of Ethical and Professional Conduct</i> are unable to address all situations</p> <p>15) Rule 16.13A7 – Notation that the <i>DMH Principles of Ethical and Professional Conduct</i> was increased from six principles to seven</p> <p>16) Rule 16.13B-H – <u>Revisions/updates to <i>DMH Principles of Ethical and Professional Conduct</i></u>: a) change of name of Principle I from "Competency" to "Professional Responsibilities"; b) addition to "Professional Responsibilities" Principle – individuals must notify DMH PLACE regarding name change; c) addition of linkage language to connect "<i>Principles</i>" to corresponding "<i>Grounds for Disciplinary Action</i>"; d) strengthening of "Professional Responsibilities" and "Confidentiality" Principles sections; e) addition of the "The Service Provision Relationship" Principle; f) specific inclusion of informed consent; g) inclusion of a provision specifically addressing dual relationships/conflicts of interest; h) addition of a "Technology-Assisted Service Provision and Social Media" Principle; i) addition of "Reporting Ethical Misconduct" to the "Reporting Abuse" Principle; j) inclusion of "Neglect Reporting" in abuse reporting requirements language; k) inclusion of provision addressing retaliation for reporting an ethical violation and cooperation with evaluation and investigation of complaints; l) combination of "Sexual Harassment" and "Drug-Free Workplace" Principles; m) addition of language regarding prohibition of alcohol/illegal drug use in work place; n) addition of language which prohibits harassment or bullying in the service delivery environment</p>
Chapter Seventeen (Complaints and Disciplinary Action)	<p>1) Rule 17.1A - Addition of linkage language to refer to pertinent "<i>DMH Operational Standards</i>" sections as applicable</p> <p>2) Rule 17.1B – Inclusion of provision addressing retaliation for reporting an ethical violation</p> <p>3) Rule 17.1C and 17.4A – Addition of linkage language with corresponding "<i>DMH Principles of Ethical and Professional Conduct</i>"</p> <p>4) Rule 17.1D – Addition of new "<i>Grounds for Disciplinary Action</i>"; consistency with applicable sections of the "<i>DMH Operational Standards</i>"</p> <p>5) Rule 17.2B/C - <u>Complaints and Investigation</u>: Complaints must be submitted on DMH-approved forms available on DMH website</p> <p>6) Rule 17.2G – Addition of specific criteria utilized by PLACE Review Board to determine whether or not an allegation will be evaluated as a formal complaint</p> <p>7) Rule 17.2I – Addition of provision that anonymous complaints investigated at PLACE Review Board's discretion</p> <p>8) Rule 17.2K – Addition of provision that DMH and/or the PLACE Review Board can bring a substantiated complaint upon its own motion</p> <p>9) Rule 17.2 M – Addition of a provision that, depending on the nature of the submitted complaint, information may be shared, as needed, with other pertinent offices/divisions/bureaus within the Mississippi Department of Mental Health</p> <p>10) Rule 17.4B1 – Addition of notation that letters of official reprimand may include specific, required follow-up actions by the DMH-credentialed individual</p> <p>11) Rule 17.4C – Addition of a provision to sanction/fine individuals who misrepresent themselves by the use of any DMH professional credentialing title</p> <p>12) Rule 17.5B2 – Clarification that "Suspended Status" due to CE noncompliance is NOT a disciplinary action</p> <p>13) Rule 17.5D3 – Addition of provision that DMH-credentialed individuals in "Revoked Status" must seek approval from the PLACE Review Board before acceptance of reapplication</p> <p>14) Rule 17.6A - Changed the Disciplinary Appeals process to correlate with the appeals process outlined in the "<i>DMH Operational Standards</i>"</p>
Glossary	<p>1) Rule 18.1 Consolidation of terms from each separate DMH professional credentialing program rules and regulations/standards and requirements document</p> <p>2) Rule 18.1B – Addition of the following definitions: a) Active Supervision; b) Certified Behavioral Health Therapist; c) IDD Targeted Case Management/IDD Targeted Case Management Supervisor; d) Licensed Clinical Behavioral Health Therapist; e)</p>

	<p>Immediate Family Member; f) Provisionally Certified Behavioral Health Therapist; g) Wraparound Facilitation/Wraparound Facilitation Supervisor; h) DMH Deputy Director; i) <i>DMH Behavioral Health Therapist Examination</i>; j) DMH Behavioral Health Therapist Web-based Training Component; k) <i>DMH Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities Therapist Examination</i>; and, l) DMH Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities Therapist Program Web-based Training Component</p> <p>3) Rule 18.1B – Deletion of "Case Management Orientation" definition</p> <p>4) Rule 18.1B - Clarification of the definition of "Qualified Supervisor"/active supervision</p> <p>5) Rule 18.1B- Clarification that web-based exams are standardized</p>
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